

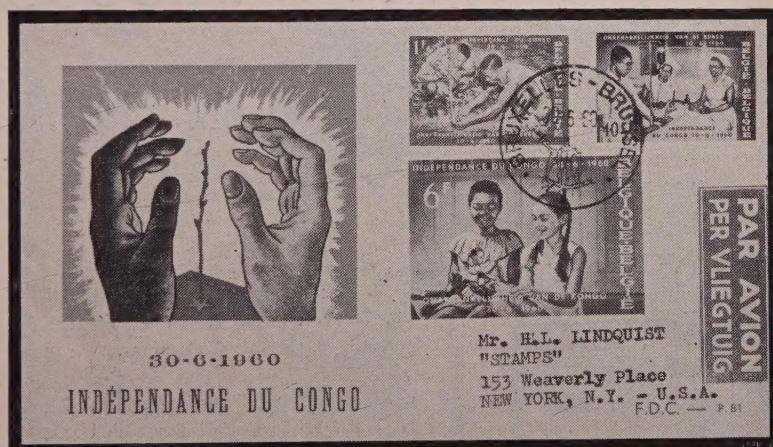
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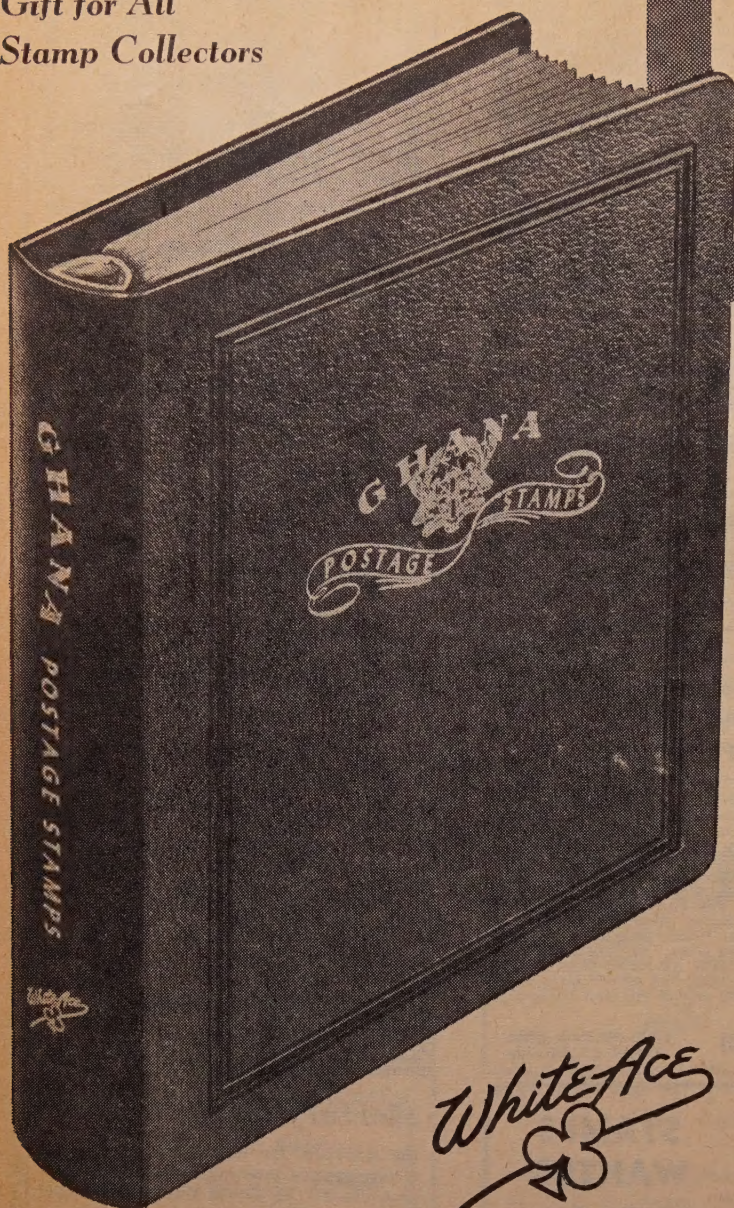
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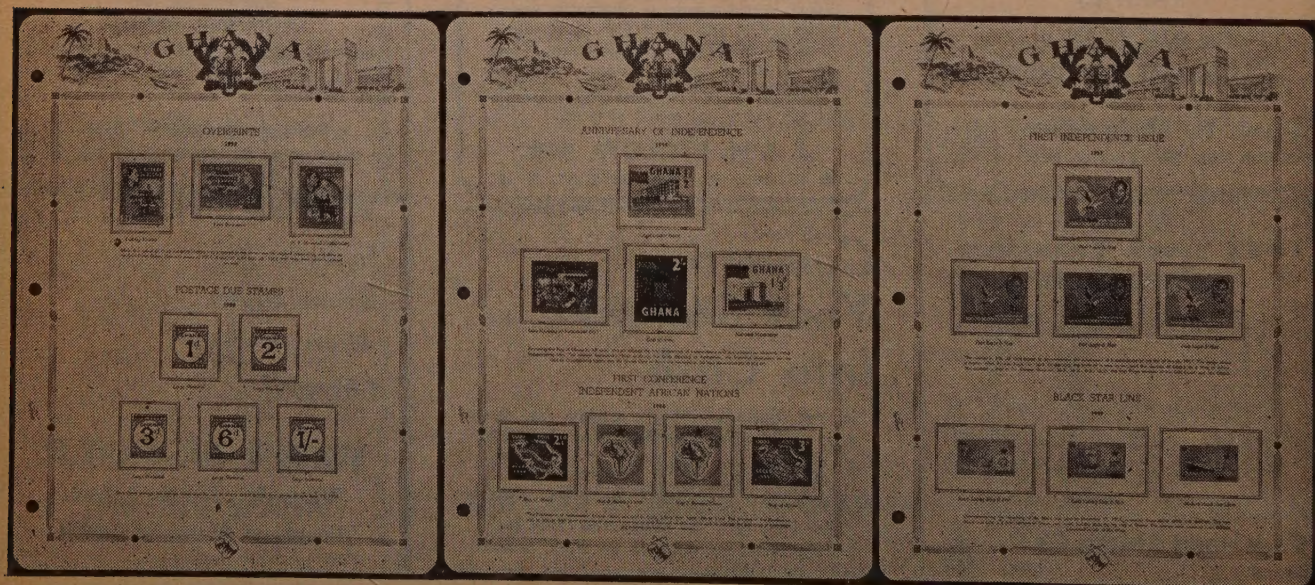
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Paris Our Last Stop Before London for the International Stamp Exhibition

USUALLY Paris is our first stop when visiting Europe, and before we can get adjusted to the five-hours' difference in time, we are on our way to some other city. We were therefore glad to reverse the situation this time and reach Paris after Rome and the Tuscany region of Italy where we had already become accustomed to the change.

Last year we were here for five days in May on our way to *Interposta* in Hamburg, and we again have about the same length of time here in June this year to make as many contacts as we can in this limited time. So we again have adopted the plan we used last year, holding a series of luncheons, cocktail parties, and dinners in order to meet as many of those we wished to contact as possible.

In keeping with the trend of the times, some radical changes are developing in the philatelic field throughout Europe, as in fact throughout the rest of the world. Old traditions are being reappraised and new concepts and modern methods are being introduced.

We had an interesting and stimulating discussion with *Alex Varga*, the energetic business manager of *Theodore Champion & Co.* He has been making a careful study of these developments. His own firm, which has established sixty years ago, has always followed a conservative and traditional policy, although many innovations have recently been introduced. This has been particularly in the selling of stamps at auction, both by mail sale and public sale, of which six each have recently been held, realizing approximately \$50,000. The fact that this world-known firm is taking the lead in this evolutionary trend will certainly have an important and beneficial effect on the entire industry.

Alex Varga, through the extensive

activities of *Theodore Champion & Co.* and his personal contacts throughout the world, is in an ideal position to appraise these new developments at first hand, and it is fortunate that he is applying his talents to following them constructively.

In the report on our discussion with Mr. Varga last year, appearing in our issue of May 30, 1959, we commented on his conviction that really rare stamps were selling far below their true value. He pointed out that the number of collectors in the world is growing tremendously, but that the prices paid for important philatelic items was not keeping pace with this increased demand. As a consequence, he felt, when these rarities come into their own, some spectacular increases can be expected. Already the soundness of his views has become evident, as witness the prices recently paid at auction for superb copies of classic stamps and rare cancellations. The

\$700.00 paid for a magnificent copy of the 2c U. S. Black Jack at the John A. Fox sale in New York a few weeks ago is an example.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1960, just two days before this is being written, we were included in a party given by *Alex Varga* at *Le Pavillon d'Armenonville* on the Bois de Boulogne. The guests included our good friends *Vittorio* and *Rosa Lo Bianco*, whom we had just visited in Rome, and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. *Carlo Chiorino*, whose mother was a sister of the late Pope Pius XII. During the course of the party *Alex Varga* brought up the subject of what constitutes the "dividing line" between a real collector and the accumulator who merely collects for the value of the stamps without any real love for them. This discussion was stimulated by the fact that one of the guests had brought along an envelope of stamps from his current correspondence which he gave to Mr. Varga because "he



Union of South Africa cover from J. M. Weinstein, Pretoria, with the 3d stamp constituting part of the Golden Jubilee set, this value being issued May 31, 1960.

couldn't bring himself to throw them away."

With this as his text, Mr. Varga said that in his opinion this was the test of the real collector, who appreciates every stamp regardless of whether it is his own particular field of interest and regardless of its value. Mr. Varga said that such a person he considers a true philatelist, as distinguished from a mere accumulator or speculator.

With *Alex Varga* as our guide and interpreter we had lunch at Maxims' famous restaurant with *Edward Berck*, whose entire building is devoted to stamps; it is located at 6 Place de la Madeleine, Paris 8. On our visit last year we were much impressed with Mr. Berck's fine store and offices and his beautifully arranged stock, and we were equally inspired on our visit this time. We have never seen a better arranged stock, housed in finely bound stock books; or a more magnificent showing of specialized collections. Time permitted only a hasty glance through some of the specialized groups, many of which were embellished with attractive water-colored paintings, reminding us of *Cardinal Spellman's* famous collections of *Religion on Stamps* and *America the Beautiful*. In fact, one of Mr. Berck's prize collections is devoted to Vatican issues, and is valued at \$50,000.

Many of the books in the Berck stock showed large blocks and covers of classic rarities that would make any specialist's eyes pop. We doubt if any other dealer in the world can show such an array of die proofs in trial colors, progressive proofs of bi-colored stamps, imperforate sheets, and other unusual items.

Our readers are all familiar with the stamps which a number of European countries have brought out each year since 1956 with the "European Unity" theme. This plan will be followed again in 1960, and in September the French Stamp Dealers' Association will sponsor an exhibition to feature the first day of issue of these stamps. Mr. Berck is the Commissioner of the show, and has prepared an attractive souvenir card featuring typical views of each of the participating countries. Entrance to the exhibition will be free, but the proceeds from sale of the cards, with a copy of the French stamp cancelled on opening day, will be turned over to a charity in which all French stamp dealers participate. This charity provides help for needy stamp dealers, their widows and orphans, as well as employees in need, a very worthy project.

Ladislaus Varga, brother of *Alex*, is the president of *Theodore Champion & Co.* and editor of the *Yvert-Tellier-Champion* catalogs. He is

recognized as one of the leading stamp experts in Europe, and we were told by qualified philatelists that they considered *Edward Berck* to be one of the very few whose philatelic knowledge is comparable to *Ladislaus Varga's*. An exhibition held at the *Galerie Royale*, 11 Rue Royale, in honor of the World Refugee Year, was made up entirely of eighty-six exhibits prepared by Mr. Berck.

Maurice Jamet, 2 Rue Faitbout, Paris 9, will hold an auction sale of U. S. cancellations in October or November 1960, and which will contain many outstanding items which formerly were in famous collections in the U.S.A. Some of the items have been shown in the advertisements of the firm which have appeared in STAMPS, so we took the opportunity to inspect them while in Paris. It is probably one of the finest lots of these items ever to be sold in Europe, and we would guess that many of the lots will return to the U.S.A. when the sale takes place. The catalogs will be ready early in October and we arranged to have 50 copies sent to our office so that readers who are interested can secure them promptly. Mr. Jamet specializes in pre-stamp covers and the classic issues of France and Colonies, but also has a large, well-arranged stock of the stamps of the world. He even located several interesting covers of Tahiti for the collection of our associate on the People-to-People Hobbies Committee, *George Miller*. Mr. Miller has recently started to specialize in French Oceania, and these covers are quite elusive. But here at the headquarters for French stamps we were also able to locate several other such items in the fabulous stock of *Rene Hinard*, who in past years has supplied many covers for our own specialized collections.

In fact, it was through the cooperation of *Philippe Papadopoulos*, of 20 Rue Drouout, Paris, that we were able to contact Mr. Hinard and have him rush the covers to his store so we could pick them up there. As we have mentioned in previous articles from Paris, Mr. Papadopoulos specializes only in the classic issues of the world. He holds four mail auctions each year featuring superb material. A large percentage of the items are illustrated so that one can bid with confidence on items of interest. Catalogs are sent free on request. Last September his brother, *Thalis Papadopoulos*, joined the firm on a full-time basis so that *Philippe* can extend his buy-

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 Sept. 16—Los Angeles, Calif.—4c Mexican Independence Centennial
 Sept. 26—Washington, D. C.—4c Japanese-American Treaty Centennial
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ng trips; he expects to visit New York again next year.

When we were in Paris in 1957, we visited the Laperouse one night, in company with Col. and Mrs. James T. DeVoss and the Papadopoulos family, but had to rush through a fine dinner to get to the opera on time. So we decided to remedy this by visiting this famous restaurant again, allowing ourselves ample time. It turned out to be a really gala occasion, for in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Papadopoulos, we were joined by Vittorio and Rosa Lo Bianco and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Carlo Chiorino, who were our companions on an earlier party and whom we saw frequently as we made the rounds of Paris stamp dealers.

It seems that all of the important stamp dealers and collectors whom we have met are planning to be in London for the international exhibition July 9-16, and our next report will be from that city, where we have a big schedule already lined up.

—H. L. LINDQUIST

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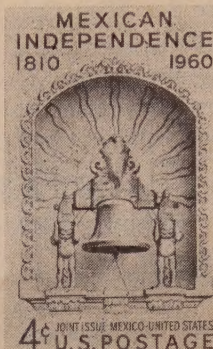
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THE 4-cent commemorative stamp, to be released September 16, 1960, at Los Angeles, California, to mark the 150th anniversary of Mexican Independence, will feature the historic bell brought to Mexico City from Dolores, Mexico, where Miguel Hidalgo rang it in his church in his call for independence.



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This bell is presently located in a niche over the entrance to the Palacio Nacional (National Palace) in Mexico City, and is rung each year by the President of Mexico in impressive ceremonies. It hangs from a cross-piece supported by the figures of two infants. Printing of this portion of the stamp will be in a shade of red simulating that used for the Mexican flag. Inscriptions will be in green.

Printing will be on the Giori press, sheet-fed, and perforated by the L-type perforating machine. The stamps will measure 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged vertically, and issuance will be in sheets of fifty subjects. An initial printing order for 120 million has been placed.

Design is by Leon Helguera and Charles R. Chickering. The vignette was engraved by Charles A. Brooks and the lettering and numeral by Howard F. Sharpless.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes, together with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, Los Angeles 52, California. The outside envelope, or wrapper, to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers 4-cent Mexican Independence Stamp." Collectors should bear in mind that this is a vertical stamp and covers should be addressed low and as far to the left as possible.

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Horace D. Westbrooks, of Griffin, Georgia, sends us two of twenty sets of his specially prepared covers for the fifteenth anniversary of the United Nations' Charter, created on June 26, 1945, after 62 days of discussion and debate beginning with the Conference at San Francisco on April 25th. Mr. Westbrooks franked one of his covers with the 5c "Toward United Nations" stamp of the U.S.A., issued April 25, 1945, and the other with the United Nations 4c showing the U.N. Seal, issued Oct. 24, 1958.

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Our thanks to Fritz Spindler, of Hamburg, Germany, for a San Marino pictorial postcard, bearing that country's recently issued Olympics set of stamps. And to William Rice, of Windsor, Conn., for a cover autographed by Postmaster Joseph B. Roccone, and cancelled with the special postmark for the fifth annual CONNEX exhibition at Windsor Locks, Conn., June 26, 1960.

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Irving Kopf, at present stationed in Cambodia, finds it difficult to engage in any of the normal collectors' activities, except by mail. He advises that he is an advanced collector of Cambodia and Vietnam, and wishes to expand into the fields of Laos, French Indochina, British

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 dial, etc.

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 obligation to do so. And this is no way
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The fact is such a value was discovered in the early fall of 1917, reportedly purchased in a Post Office in New Jersey. However, that discovery was initially discredited as impossible after an inquiry to the Post Office Dept. resulted in an official statement that the 30c stamp "had never been issued on unwatermarked paper, perforated 10."

A Philadelphia dealer, Mr. Percy McGraw Mann, who claimed to have in his possession a full sheet of 100 of the 30c, Perf 10, without watermark, refused to accept that official statement, preferring to believe his own eyes. He took the full sheet of 100 to Washington for the personal examination of the P. O. officials which examination resulted in a letter dated "Oct. 22, 1917" from the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. A. M. Dockery, addressed to the "Postmaster, Washington, D. C." which included the following statement:

"I beg to state that Mr. Percy McGraw Mann, expert philatelist, 720 Liberty Bldg., Philadelphia, called at this bureau with a sheet of 100 30c stamps which, after careful examination, were found to be genuine, perforated 10, and printed on unwatermarked paper."

However, apparently due to the philatelic politics prevailing at the time, or possibly an honest difference of opinion as to the true unwatermarked status of the sheet, the exact details of which are difficult to establish now as the main principals are all dead, the stamp was refused listing in the Catalog.

The owner put it away and it did not come out of hiding until 30 years later, in 1947, when he allowed it to be submitted to the Philatelic Foundation Expert Committee for an opinion. After examining the sheet, that Committee proceeded to issue Certificate No. 547, dated July 29, 1947, duly signed by three members of the Committee, stating: "We have examined the enclosed United States, 1916, 30c orange-red, pane of 100 from the lower right, plate 6917, unused, o.g., Perforated 10 . . . and we can find no trace of a watermark." A very high five figure asking price apparently prevented the sheet from coming on the philatelic market at that time.

The owner of the sheet passed away in 1958, and we have acquired it indirectly from his estate. We proceeded to submit the sheet to the P. F. Expert Committee for a reexamination and Certificate No. 11,704 was issued with the following opinion: "We have examined the enclosed U. S. A. 1916 30c orange-red, complete mint sheet . . . and are of the opinion that it is unwatermarked and should be Scott #476A." This opinion not only verifies the sheet's unwatermarked status but also states that it should be a full major number, the long missing 30c value in the 1916 unwatermarked set.

It is possible a few other singles and blocks may exist, but the verification of such as definitely unwatermarked would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, outside of a piece of sufficient size to definitely establish the lack of watermark. The stamps from this sheet of 100, therefore, probably represent the only ones that can definitely be verified as unwatermarked, so the total supply, for all practical purposes, is only 100 copies, the same as the 24c Air Mail Invert cataloging \$6,000 each.

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Bridgeport, Nebraska—July 15-Dec. 31—"Pony Express Centennial 1860-1960."

Humboldt, Kansas—Date of receipt through Oct. 1—"Humboldt Biblesta Parade October 1."

Portland, Oregon; Memphis, Tenn.; San Francisco, Calif.—date of receipt through Sept. 10—"1960 5th World Forestry Congress, Seattle, Washington."

Boston, Mass. (3 dies); Pittsburgh, Pa. (3 dies); San Francisco, Calif. (3 dies)—"25 Years Social Security in America." Also Atlanta, Ga.; Miami, Fla.; Dallas, Tex.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Baltimore, Md.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Richmond, Va.; Albuquerque, New Mex.; Harrisburg, Pa., with two dies each. Also, with one die, New Orleans, La.; Des Moines, Iowa. Other cities, not yet announced, are expected to use.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—July 22-28—"National Jamboree Boy Scouts of America, July 22-July 28, 1960."

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About August 1, 1960, Ozark Air Lines, Inc., will inaugurate new airmail service at Galesburg, Illinois, and official cachet will be furnished. Self-addressed envelopes with airmail rate postage affixed should be sent to the Postmaster, Galesburg, Illinois, with request to carry on first flight.

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How Lodz Became Litzmannstadt

By EDWARD NOWAK, SR.

BECAUSE we have learned that so many stamp collectors are searching for the history of a city named "Litzmannstadt" and have failed to locate it on German or Polish maps, we decided to offer this information for publication.

For over a century the Polish city of Lodz was highly industrialized. Its capacity for production of woollens, cotton cloths, silks and plastics was well known the world over. Lodz was frequently referred to as the "Polish Manchester."

After the 1939 Nazi invasion of Poland, this important city was Germanized. It was brought into the German Reich, and the ancient name of Lodz was changed to "Litzmannstadt"; and with the change the Polish postal service was placed under German Postal Authority.

Nazi stamps replaced Polish adhesives as early as 1940. The German cancellation dies also proclaimed "Litzmannstadt" by 1940. Denials by Nazis that proof of the nazification of Poland's Lodz existed in the form of stamp cancellation was long a difficult matter to dispute, due to scarcity of philatelic material. Recently a cache of covers and postcards came to light from a German source. All this mail, from

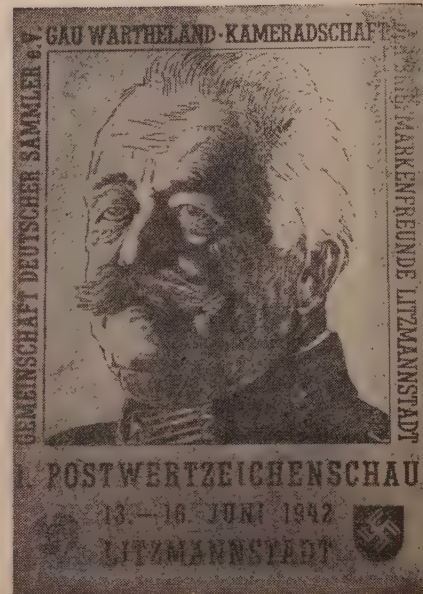
1940-41-42, bears Nazi-issued stamps cancelled with German cancellation dies proclaiming "Litzmannstadt" in place of Lodz.

Postcards depicting the Nazi General Litzmann, in whose honor the city of Lodz was renamed, were mailed by the thousands to Germany by members of the Nazi Army of Occupation in 1942. The postcards propagated Nazi "Wartheland-Kameradschaft" or the determination to conquer Poland up to the natural banks of the Warthe River, as planned since the days of Bismarck.

The strongest proof of the Germanization of Poland's Lodz is an elaborate cancellation die showing, above smoking chimneys of Lodz; the name "Litzmannstadt."

Below the silhouette of Lodz is a line reading "I. POSTWERTZEICHENSCHAU," below which appear the dates, and the two bottom lines read "Gemeinschaft Deutscher Sammler e V Gau Wartheland."

In 1941 the German "Stamp Day" was enforced in Lodz. A postcard pictures a German worker shouldering a sledgehammer as he stands beside a helmeted Nazi soldier with bayoneted rifle in hand. The stamp



Postcard depicting Nazi General Litzmann, in whose honor Lodz was renamed.

cancellation also proclaimed "Litzmannstadt" and the center of the die pictures opening parachutes of descending Nazi invaders. At the bottom of the picture bold letters state "KAMPFEN-ARBEITEN-OPFERN."

The earliest known cancellation die replacing the name of Lodz with "Litzmannstadt" was used in 1940 to cancel mail emerging from the Jewish Ghetto that was set up by the Nazis in Lodz. The circular die carried (in the upper half of the circle) the wording "Der Aelteste Der Juden—Litzmannstadt." The center space showed the date "12, A.P.R. 1940", while the bottom lines show "Ghetto. Postabteilung I."

One of the most telling proofs of the Nazi Germanization of the Polish city of Lodz is a registered cover bearing four typical Nazi "Gross-Deutschesreich" stamps and cancelled with a die bearing "Litzmannstadt" in place of Lodz. This fine philatelic document is a registered letter addressed to "Herrn Anton von Steinbach, in Litzmannstadt."

Several such items, documenting the "Nazi march to Wartha River" can be examined in one of the finest and largest Polish philatelic col-



Postcard with cancellation for an exhibition of German philately in the district of Wartheland, under the auspices of German philatelic societies.

lections, which is housed in the Regis College Philatelic Museum, in Weston, Mass.

Philatelic research also has established the fact that renaming of Lodz was not an act decided on the spur of the moment. Even as early as 1938 the plans drawn by Nazi militarists were complete. Delving deeper into this research, we read in the German language publication "Die Ostmark"—official organ of the famed "Hakatia Organization"—a quotation by Brig. Gen. Kielmannsegg soon after World War I:

"The German Nation lost a large part of Eastern Europe—pure German territories in the East. . . ."

Regardless of all writings from Nazi sources, philatelic research brings out the indisputable facts that "Litzmannstadt" was born in the Polish city of Lodz—a brainchild of Hitler, who thus honored General Litzmann for a job well done in occupied Poland.

"Litzmannstadt" cannot be found on maps of Poland nor of Germany. It is the ancient Polish city of Lodz, and by the latter name will be readily found on the maps of Poland.

American Philatelic Congress Book for 1960

THE American Philatelic Congress Book for 1960 will contain about fifteen articles, of whom the following have already submitted their manuscripts:

O. L. Harvey—*Illustrations of Printing Methods*; Dr. A. Jay Hertz—*The Shoe-string Express, a Study of the Little Known Western Expresses*; Dr. Roberto Levi-Castillo—*The British Mail Boats of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company in Ecuador*; Barbara Mueller—*The Postage Stamp Aesthetic—Definition, Recognition and Promotion*; Lt. Col. Harvey E. Shepard—*The Confederate Postmasters' Provisions in the Taping Collection of the British Museum, London*; Philip H. Ward, Jr.—*U. S. Rare Blocks*; Helen K. Zirkle—*The Stamps of Manchoukuo, a Supplement to the General Catalogue for the Specialist*.

Svend Yort, of 7707 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland, is the editor of the 1960 Book, the twenty-sixth in the series.

The twenty-sixth Congress will take place November 4-6, 1960, at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. General arrangements for the Congress, gathering with the Chicago Philatelic Society, are under the direction of Richard N. Canman, C.P.S. president; and William H. Schulze, general chairman. Seminar arrangements are under the leadership of Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr. Information on the Congress available from Mrs. Conway Zirkle, 2307 Secane Road, Secane, Pennsylvania.

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71 .10	201 .50	*275 .15	C8. .10	
80 .25	203 .60	*276 .20	*C9. .40	
81 .25	205 .20	*277 .25	C12. .25	
86 .07	*205 .20	*280 .15	C13. .10	
87 .10	*206 .30	280 .15	C15. .10	
88 .15	*207 .35	283 .50	C16. .07	
91 .15	*215 .10	284 .10	C17. .15	
101 .15	217 .15	*284 .10	C18. .10	
102 .50	*217 .15	285 .15	C19. .10	
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*104 20.00	*218 .30	289 .75	C21. .15	
*113 6.00	*219 .30	290 .10	C22. .15	
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*115 .30	*220 .25	*292 .10	C24. .15	
*116 .35	221 .30	*293 .20	C25. .25	
*117 .35	*221 .30	*294 .25	C33. .10	
118 .60	222 .30	313 .15	*C38. .20	
*118 .65	*222 .30	314 .20	C45. .10	
*119 .75	223 1.50	317 .15	C46. .10	
*120 .75	*223 1.25	318 .05	*C46. .25	
133 .10	228 .50	319 .10	C47. .15	
147 .15	*228 .50	321 .20	*C47. .20	
150 .25	231 .20	*317 .15	C48. .15	
*150 .25	233 .30	*318 .05	*C48. .30	
151 .35	*231 .20	*319 .10	C49. .35	
*151 .35	*232 .30	*320 .20	C50. .75	
152 .60	*233 .30	*321 .20	*C51. .15	
*152 .60	239 .35	335 .10	*C52. .25	
153 .20	240 .40	336 .15	C59. .30	
*153 .20	241 .10	365 .10	C60. .25	
154 .20	*241 .10	367 .10	C61. .25	
*154 .20	*247 .15	368 .20	*C68. .15	
163 .30	*249 .20	373 .08	C73. .10	
164 .30	252 .10	374 .20	C75. .20	
165 .60	253 .10	378 .10	C87. .15	
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Comments on Stamp Designs

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Left to right, top row, Italy's issue of 1911 commemorating the union of Italian States to form the Kingdom of Italy; Switzerland's Europa stamp of 1957; Austria's Olympic issue of 1948. Bottom row, Canada's Country Women of the World stamp; Mexico's 5c airmail, 1934.

Simplicity in Design

GOOD taste in stamp design is regrettably rare. In part this lack is due to interference on the part of busybody superiors and clients who dictate what the artist shall include in his finished model. In part it is also due to the fashion of the time: thus, for example, stamps of the latter half of the nineteenth century were, generally speaking, more fully elaborated, more ornamented and curlicued, than those of today.

A third major influence is the tradition of the group with which the designer is associated. Thus, for example, although we may not be able to express them, we nevertheless are aware of significant differences between French and German stamp designs, or even between the designs of United States Bureau issues before and after the recent appointment of a committee on design.

But finally, and in essence, the artistic qualities of a stamp design reflect the personality and judgment of the designer himself. Within the limits of the cultural and administrative setting in which he works, he still has some degree of latitude, sufficient in most cases to permit the projection of his own ideas and tastes. In fact, if he is a competent artist, he will undoubtedly to some extent influence his clients, point the way to a shift in artistic fashion, and assert his own values. Thus, Moser set a new and worthwhile fashion when he designed the 1906 Bosnia issue. Chmielewski has had an impressive influence in the recent designing of Austria's

stamps, and Bickel's artistic influence in Switzerland is clearly evident.

The modern trend is toward simplicity. Simplicity and symbolism. Great Britain's Edward VIII set was simple. The Europa issues of various countries, and the five-swans stamps of the Northern Countries in 1959, are good examples of symbolism.

The danger in this trend, of course, is that it might be overdone. Simplicity can become stark and sterile. Symbolism can be awkward and irrelevant. To find the golden mean, the perfect symbol expressed in the fewest lines, is difficult.

Without offering them as either the best of their kind, or as leaders in current fashion, I present here five items which, in my opinion, reveal the stamp designer at his best.

Italy's union anniversary set of 1911 was entirely different from its predecessors. The 15 centimes item is as tastefully designed as any in stamp history. The serpent ring represents the eternity of Rome. The sculptor and the Trajan lettering symbolize her classic tradition. What otherwise would have been an excess of wordage is given proper emphasis by representing it as though a monumental inscription. The contrast and balance of light and shade comprising the crouching figure serves as base for the major inscription and a living focal center for the design as a whole.

Even more modern in its simplicity, but in some ways still reminiscent of the Italian item, is Canada's recent com-

memorative of country women of the world. The kneeling figure, skillfully outlined, is balanced by the denomination in the same mode and strong color. Her gentle hand gives life to a growing plant. All wording is reduced to lettering in white on an engraved background of inconspicuous green.

Switzerland's Europa stamp of 1957 is about as simple a design as any could be, but strong, not only as a design but also as a symbol. As a work of art it is 'way ahead of the designs of other nations celebrating the same occasion. In its perfect simplicity and appropriateness it is like a Euclidean theorem.

Mexico's airmail series of 1934, as represented by the 5c item, very nearly fails to meet the requirement of simplicity, though its symbolism is excellent. The god has wings, and an envelope in his speaking mouth. Aztec art was complex, covering every space. But the designer of this illustration successfully subordinated the detail by his use of white, black, and grey. The lettering is cleverly simplified in a style conforming to the illustration.

Austria's Olympic fire of 1948 is built like an ancient Greek altar, enduring, classically simple, and alone. Focal point is the vital flame in a perfect shallow bowl. The rings and lettering are carved in stone.

Here then are examples to dream on, and to plan artistic designs for the future. A stamp design does not have to be cluttered to tell its story.

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THE stock of A. O. Tittmann, an old-time stamp dealer, who died in January 1960, is to be sold at auction, along with important properties of other dealers, by H. R. Harmer, Inc.

Mr. Tittmann's stock was received by the auctioneers in five trunks and six packages. It contains a lot of interesting Mexico items, largely of the middle and later issues, with particular strength in the Civil War issues of that country. The balance consists of an exceptional group of quality items of the world, early and middle issues. Emphasis is on the U.S.A., with a fine range of 19th and 20th century material. Many sets of the Columbians, Trans-Mississippi issue, Pan American, Louisiana Purchase, etc. Also, in the more than 500 lots of U. S., is an excellent group of postal stationery entires. Europe is strong, with emphasis on Austria, German, and Swiss issues.

There will also be many wholesale and semi-wholesale lots, and various bulk lots and collections, covering more reasonably priced stamps.

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Mint CUBA Used

	Mint	Used		Mint	Used		Mint	Used		Mint	Used
1.		\$.20	284-73	\$ 4.70		458-61	\$.55	.31	C49a		\$4.50
2.		.18	280-2	.19		463-5	.65	.23	C49b		\$19.00
4 pen.		.40	283	1.00	\$.55	466-8	.33	.16	C50		.55 .25
7.		3.50	284	.18	.13	469-70	.09	.06	C50ab		3.50 3.50
11 pen.		.40	285	.18	.13	471-2	.17	.09	C51		.15 .06
19		.20	286	.26	.18	473-4	.42	.09	C52		.27 .05
21		\$.75 .50	287		.60	475-80	1.85	.88	C53		.08
23		2.50	288	.40	.20	481-3	.25	.17	C54		.25
23-6		1.95	289	.50	.40	484-89	1.50	.65	C55		.60
23		.40	290	.60	.35	490-7	1.70	1.10	C56		2.00
29		.60	291		.35	498-9	.11	.07	C51-6		7.00
34		.30	284-93		6.50	500-9		.88	C57-60		1.25 .60
35A		3.50	294	.20	.20	510-3	.21	.09	C61-2		.80
36		3.50	295	.20	.20	514-8	.65	.27	C61-2ab		4.50
38		1.30	296	.20	.19	519-28	3.20	.60	C63-72		8.00 5.00
39		.20	297	.40		529-30	.17	.11	C73-4		.80
41		1.10	298		1.00	531	.07	.04	C75-6		.45 .21
43		3.50	294-8	2.00	1.90	532-3	.12	.06	C78		6.00
46		3.50	299	.25	.20	534	.10	.03	C77-8		17.00 6.00
48		.08	300	.30	.15	535	.12	.04	C79		.12 .06
49		3.00	301	.40	.25	536	.12	.04	C80		.12 .06
53		.50	302	.65	.30	537-8	.18	.09	C81		.17 .98
57		7.50 3.25	309	1.50	1.00	539-42	.85	.39	C82		.17 .06
61A		3.00	299-303	3.25		543-6	.55	.18	C83		.20 .10
66		.23 .30	305Bc	4.00		547-8	.11	.06	C84		.20 .12
70		.30 .30	307	.60	.03	549	.08	.03	C85		.25 .23
71		1.40 3.25	309	.07	.02	550-1	.28	.08	C86		.28 .20
72		.10	312	.24	.15	552	.07	.03	C87		.35
77		3.50	313	.40	.20	553-6	.55	.22	C88		.30
81		.40	314	.15	.15	557-8	.14	.06	C89		.90 .50
76-81		4.00	312-6	1.15		559-60	.14	.09	C91		.50 .35
87		.50 .50	317-8	.28		561	.07	.03	C90-9		.80 .44
88 93		3.40	319-20	.50	.18	562-3	.10	.06	C92-95		2.45 1.40
96		.10 .10	322-3	.43	.18	564	.08	.03	C96-106		2.75
94-9		2.10	324	.10	.10	566-9	.50	.19	C107-8		.39 .17
105		2.50	325	.15	.10	570-1	.12	.06	C109		.24 .10
100-5		4.00	326	.15	.15	572-3	.12	.06	C110-3		1.90 .83
104a		16.00	327	.18	.18	574-7	.19	.10	C114-16		2.30 1.18
117		.38	328	.60	.45	577-81	.40	.16	C117-18		.85 .35
106-20		6.00	329	.60	.60	582-3	.12	.06	C119		.19 .10
127		.18 .13	330	.90	.80	584-7	.50	.20	C120-21		12.00 6.80
128		.25	324-31	5.65	4.38	588-9	.10	.06	C122-26		2.65 1.40
131		.40 .40	332	.12	.10	590-1	.12	.06	C126a		3.25 2.50
132		.08	333	.20	.08	592	.06	.06	C127-28		.35 .18
138		.50 .18	334	.22	.13	593	.06	.03	C129		.19 .10
140		.15	335	.50		594	.06		C130		1.00 .30
141		.20	336	.70		595-606	1.55	.66	C131-33		.85 .53
147		.08 .08	332-6	1.60		607	.06	.03	C134-35		.38 .18
148		.08 .03	337	.20	.09	608-9	.12	.06	C136		.13 .06
164		.60	337-9	.75	.30	610	.06	.03	C137		.19 .08
167		.12	341	.25	.25	611-2	.10	.06	C138		.20 .16
168		.13	342	.27		613-4	.10	.06	C139		.30 .17
169		.15	343	.27		615	.06		C140		.38 .20
170		.10	352	.90		616-23	.40		C141		.42 .26
171		.13	354	8.00		624-7	.18		C142		.25
172		.18 .20	340-54	16.00		C1	.25	.03	C143		.40
173		.60 .60	355	.08		C2	.35	.35	C144		.65
174		.90	356-8	.35	.08	C3	.35	.20	C145		1.75
175		1.50 1.50	359-60	.40	.21	C6	.15		C146		4.50
186-75		4.65	359a-60a	.45	.04	C8	.55		C136-46		16.50
221		.13 .06	361	.20	.09	C9	.10		C147-48		.32 .18
222		.18 .08	362	.40	.10	C11	.15		C149		.19 .08
223		.13 .09	363	.27	.09	C4-11	4.75		C149a		.50
224		.30 .12	364-5	.40	.14	C12	.08	.03	C150		.19 .10
225		.40 .15	365a	.80	.80	C13	.15	.03	C151		.19 .12
226		1.10 1.00	365b	.80		C14	.15		C152		.10
221-6		2.25	366-7	.50	.24	C14A	.65	.10	C156		.19 .10
227		.13 .03	368-72	1.55	.66	C15	1.20	.25	C157		.12
228		.13 .03	368-72 imp.	1.55	.66	C12-5	2.90		C158-6k		.58
229		.08 .04	373-4	.22		C16		1.35	C162		.19 .18
231		.75 .08	375-9	1.75	.84	C17	8.00	8.00	C163		.19 .12
227-31		1.20	380	.13	.05	C16-7	9.40		C164-65		.32 .19
232		.15	381-3	.40	.20	C18-21	3.85	2.00	C166		.19 .09
237		.09 .07	384-6	.40	.20	C22-3	.90	.28	C167-8		.34 .16
233-7		2.40	387-91	1.30	.70	C24	1.50		C169-71		1.10 .60
238		.13 .13	392-3	.30	.11	C27	1.50		C172		.18 .10
242		.18	394-5	.15	.10	C28	1.50		C173-74		.68 .40
243		.15 .12	396-8	.40	.18	C29	4.00		C178		.13
244		.13	399-401	.40	.18	C24-9	15.00		C179-80		.45 .30
245		.15	402-4	.26	.13	C30	.48	.25	C180		.45 .30
246		.95 .90	405	.10	.04	C31	.50	.20	C181		.19 .10
251		.13 .13	406	.08	.06	C32	.40	.06	C182-84		.80 .60
252		.30	407-9	.40	.18	C33		1.60	C185		.08
247-52		.60	410-3	.55	.38	C34-5	.80	.35	C186		.12
256		.30	414	.09	.04	C36-7	.85	.21	C187		.15
257		.08	415-7	.40		C38		.12	C188		.19
258		.40	418-9	.24	.18	C40	.17	.03	C189		.29
259		.08	420-2	.17	.07	C41-3	1.00	.78	C191		.35
263		.85	423-30	4.50	3.25	C43a	1.25	1.20	C192		.12
264		.05	431-2	.10	.08	C44-6	2.20	.80	C193		.19
264a		1.50	433	.16	.07	C47-9	1.00	.77	C194		.80
265		.07 .02	435-6	.27	.12						
265a		2.50	437	.17	.08						
266		.07	438-40	.30	.17						
267		.12 .02	441-2	.19	.11						
267b		2.25	443-4	.19	.11						
268		.15 .03	445-7	.22							
269		.25 .03	448	.15	.10						
270		.34 .02	449-51	.30	.23						
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223 5c Chocolate.....	2.70	
225 8c Lilac.....	1.80	
226 10c Green.....	5.35	
227 15c Indigo.....	6.00	
246 1c Ultramarine.....	2.60	.60
251 2c Carmine Type II.....	3.60	
285 1c Trans-Miss.....	5.35	1.25
302 3c Violet.....	1.15	
304 5c Blue.....	1.25	
305 6c Claret.....	1.80	
308 13c Purple Black.....	5.35	1.20
314 1c Green, Imperf.....	6.60	1.65
320 2c Carmine, Imperf.....	8.00	2.00
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333 3c Violet.....	1.15	
336 6c Red Orange.....	2.25	
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380 8c Olive Green.....	4.45	
381 10c Yellow.....	4.10	
382 15c Pale Ultra.....	7.95	
383 1c Green, Imperf.....	.98	.22
387 1c Green, coil..... (Pair 4.30)	2.15	
390 1c Green, coil..... (Pair .20)	.10	
394 3c Violet coil.....	3.00	
399 5c Panama Pacific.....	5.40	
400a 10c Panama Pacific.....	11.40	
408 1c Green, Imperf.....	.55	.11
409 2c Green, Imperf.....	.85	.11
411 2c Carmine, coil..... (Pair .50)	.25	
420 30c Orange Red.....	4.85	
424 1c Green.....	.85	.21
426 3c Violet.....	.65	
429 6c Red Orange.....	1.75	
430 7c Black.....	2.85	
431 8c Olive Green.....	1.90	
432 9c Salmon Red.....	2.20	
433 10c Orange Yellow.....	1.45	
435a 12c Copper Red.....	1.85	
442 2c Carmine, Coil..... (Pair 1.70)	.85	
443 1c Green, Coil..... (Pair 1.30)	.65	
444 2c Carmine, Coil..... (Pair 4.70)	2.35	
462 1c Green.....	1.04	.26
464 3c Violet.....	4.00	
465 4c Brown.....	1.55	
466 5c Blue.....	2.95	
472 10c Orange Yellow.....	6.00	
481 1c Green, Imperf.....	.48	.12

Scott	Block	Single
482 2c Carmine, Imperf.....	.92	.23
483 3c Violet, Impf. Ty. I.....	5.60	1.40
484 3c Violet, Impf. Ty. II.....	4.70	1.18
509 9c Salmon Red.....	2.55	.63
511 11c Light Green.....	2.55	.63
513 13c Yellow Green.....	2.85	.70
516 30c Orange Red.....	6.10	1.50
519 2c Carm., D.L. wmk.....	14.00	
531 1c Green, Imperf.....	6.20	1.55
532 2c Carm. Imp., Ty. IV.....	10.40	2.60
533 2c Carm. Impf., Ty. V.....	25.40	6.35
534 2c Carm. Imp. Ty. Va.....	6.20	1.55
535 3c Purple, Imperf.....	5.35	1.35
536 1c Gray Green (off center).....	2.20	.55
538 1c Green, perf. 11x10.....	2.20	.55
540 2c Carmine perf. 11x10.....	2.20	.55
541 3c Violet, perf 11x10.....	12.25	3.00
542 1c Green, perf. 10x11.....	1.30	.33
547 \$2 Carmine and Black.....	12.25	
551-554 ½c-2c, 4 diff.....	1.80	.45
555 3c Violet.....	5.50	1.35
557 5c Dark Blue.....	2.90	.73
559 7c Black.....	1.00	.25
560 8c Olive Green.....	2.70	
561 9c Rose.....	2.25	.57
563 11c Light Blue Green.....	.85	.21
565 14c Dark Blue.....	1.28	.82
568 25c Green.....	3.80	.95
570 50c Lilac.....	1.85	
571 \$1 Violet Black.....	7.85	1.95
572 \$2 Deep Blue.....	23.75	5.90
573 \$5 Carmine and Blue.....	10.90	
575 1c Green, Imperf.....	3.60	.90
576 1½c Brown.....	.80	.20
577 2c Carmine, Imperf.....	1.08	.27
578 1c Green, perf. 11x10.....	4.60	
579 2c Carmine, perf. 11x10.....	7.75	1.90
581-591 1c-10c Perf. 10 set.....	32.25	8.00
611 2c Harding, Imperf.....	3.35	.85
612 2c Harding, perf. 10 (Avg.).....	4.60	1.15
614 1c Huguenot-Walloon.....	1.45	.32
615 2c Huguenot-Walloon.....	2.10	.50
616 5c Huguenot-Walloon.....	14.50	3.60
617 1c Lexington-Concord.....	1.40	.32
618 2c Lexington-Concord.....	3.25	.78
619 5c Lexington-Concord.....	7.25	1.75
620 2c Norse American.....	2.70	.67
621 5c Norse American.....	13.15	3.30
627 2c Sesquicentennial.....	1.20	.27
628 5c Ericsson.....	4.45	1.08
629 2c White Plains.....	1.25	.31
631 1½c Brown, Imperf.....	1.35	.34
632-642 1c-10c Set of 11.....	6.00	1.50
643 2c Vermont.....	.80	.20
644 2c Burgoyne.....	1.90	.46
645 2c Valley Forge.....	.56	.14
646 2c Molly Pitcher.....	.72	.18
647 2c Hawaii.....	2.00	.50
649 2c Aeronautics.....	.67	.16
650 5c Aeronautics.....	2.30	.57
651 2c Clark.....	.68	.17

Scott	Block	Single
656 2c Edison Coil..... (Pair 2.10)	1.05	
680-683 2c Commems, 4 diff.....	2.60	.65
688-690 2c Commems, 3 diff.....	1.35	.34
692-701 11c-50c Set of 10.....	25.75	6.40
692 11c Greenish Blue.....	1.25	.31
693 12c Brown Violet.....	1.85	.46
694 13c Yellow Green.....	.85	.21
695 14c Blue.....	1.00	.25
696 15c Gray.....	3.20	.80
697 17c Black.....	1.40	.35
698 20c Carmine Rose.....	3.60	.90
699 25c Green.....	2.70	.68
700 30c Olive Brown.....	3.10	.77
716-719 2c-5c Commems, 4 diff.....	1.45	.37
724-729 1c-3c Commems, 6 diff.....	1.80	.45
733 3c Byrd.....	.96	.24
734 5c Kosciuszko.....	.88	.22
736-739 3c Commems, 4 diff.....	1.10	.28
740-749 1c-10c Nat'l Parks, perf.....	6.70	1.67
752-753 "Farley's" perf. (2).....	1.00	.25
754-755 "Farley's" Imperf. (2).....	.96	.24
756-755 1c-10c Nat. Pks, Impfs.....	7.00	1.75
771 16c Sp. Del. A'mail, Impfs.....	2.60	.65
772-777, 782-784 3c Coms. 9 diff.....	1.75	.45
785-794 1c-5c Army-Navy set.....	1.85	.47
795-796 3c-5c Commems (2).....	.75	.19
798-802 3c Commems, 5 diff.....	1.20	.30
832 \$1 Presidential.....	5.30	1.33
835-838 3c Commems, 4 diff.....	1.60	.40
839-851 1c-10c Pres. coils cpl..... (Pairs 1.55)	.78	
852-858 3c Commems, 7 diff.....	2.00	.50
894-898 3c Commems, 5 diff.....	2.80	.70
909-921 5c Flags compl.....	3.20	.82
C1 6c Orange, Airmail.....	3.35	
C2 16c Green.....	7.00	
C3 24c Carmine and Blue.....	5.50	
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C5 16c Blue.....	5.80	
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C7-9 10c-20c Maps cpl.....	3.45	.87
C10 10c Lindbergh.....	2.00	.48
C10a 10c Lindbergh (Booklet pane of 3 \$6.15).....		
C11 5c Beacon.....	1.05	.25
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E10 10c Spec. Del.....	13.90	
E14 20c Spec. Del.....	1.20	.30
F1 10c Registry.....	2.80	
J78 \$5 Postage Due.....	4.88	
J88-101 ½c-\$5 New Post. Dues cpl.....	37.50	9.45

SOUVENIR SHEETS

Scott	Description	Unused	Used
630 2c White Plains.....		\$39.90	\$.00
730 1c Century of Progress.....		2.30	2.15
731 3c Century of Progress.....		2.85	2.70
735 3c Byrd.....		2.35	2.25
750 3c National Parks.....		3.95	3.80
751 1c National Parks.....		1.40	1.35
778 3c Tipex.....		.44	.42
797 10c Smoky Mt.....		.19	.13
948 15c Cipex.....		.21	.15
1075 11c Fipex.....		.44	.35

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611 2c L
618 2c
633 1½c
651 2c C
682 2c L
689 2c V
690 2c L
698 20c C
724 3c V
725 3c V
726 3c C
756-765 1
771 16c S
785-794 1
863 10c C
873 10c E
906 5c C
909-921 5

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117 12c G
153 24c P
276 \$1 B
368 2c L
371 2c A
373 2c H
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535 3c P
669-679 1
859-893 1c

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C1	6c Orange, Airmail	2.05
C2	16c Green	4.35
C4	8c Green	1.25
C5	16c Blue	4.35
C6	24c Carmine	2.25

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205	.38	415	1.50	620	.63
214	2.20	421	1.65	621	3.15
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233	.44	440	1.20	756-765	1.65
234	.53	442	.68	834	.44
235	2.05	478	1.20	909-921	.70
259	2.85	482	.23	1053	.78
274	.70	483	1.35	C10	.40
288	1.50	513	.55	C21	.25
290	1.50	524	2.50	C22	.50
297	1.70	548	.28	C24	.27
298	3.50	550	2.45	Q7	.93
299	2.50	575	.90	Q8	1.00
326	1.75	611	.70	Q9	.42
345	1.75	614	.28	Q10	4.75

DUCK HUNTING STAMPS

Scott	Description	Unused	Used
RW1	\$1 Blue	\$7.85	\$5.50
RW2	\$1 Lake	10.95	7.00
RW3	\$1 Black	5.00	2.20
RW11	\$1 Orange	1.65	.90
RW12	\$1 Black	1.40	---
RW13	\$1 Red Brown	1.40	.75
RW14	\$1 Black	1.40	.75
RW15	\$1 Blue	1.40	.70
RW16	\$2 Green	2.45	.70
RW17	\$2 Violet	2.50	.70
RW19	\$2 Blue	2.45	.60
RW21	\$2 Black	2.60	.60
RW22	\$2 Blue	---	.55
RW23	\$2 Black	---	.55
RW24	\$2 Green	---	.55
RW25	\$2 Black	---	.50
RW26	\$3 (3 colors)	3.60	.72

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752	3c Newburgh "Farley", Centerline blk. of four with crossed gutters	\$14.95
753	3c Byrd "Farley" Centerline blk.	8.00
756-765	1c-10c Nat'l Park Imperfs. Compl. set of matched arrow blocks. Total 40 blocks	30.50
756-765	1c-10c Nat'l Park Imperfs. Complete set of centerline blks.	29.50
766-770	Set of 5 cross gutter blocks	14.25
771	16c Special Del. Airmail Imperf. Set of 4 matched arrow blocks	15.00
771	16c Spec. Del. Air'l Imp. C. L. blk	20.00
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Scott	Description	Unused	Used
246	1c Ultramarine	\$4.60	\$1.05
265	2c Carmine, Type I	6.35	1.45
279B	2c Red	---	.30
288	5c Trans-Mississippi	6.70	---
295	2c Pan American	1.05	---
297	5c Pan American	6.90	---
303	4c Brown	2.10	---
306	8c Violet Black	8.50	2.05
333	3c Violet	1.75	---
334	4c Brown	1.85	---
340	15c Pale Ultramarine	3.60	---
349	2c Carmine coil (Pair 4.90)	2.45	---
350	4c Brown coil (Guide line pair 16.50)	6.30	---
351	5c Blue, coil (Pair 23.00)	11.50	---
352	1c Green, coil (Pair 6.00)	3.00	---
354	4c Brown, coil (Pair 12.50)	6.25	---
358	2c Bluish Paper	6.50	---
367	2c Lincoln	2.85	.70
370	2c Alaska-Yukon	1.00	---
372	2c Hudson-Fulton	.90	---
376	3c Violet	5.35	1.30
386	2c Carmine, coil (Pair 3.40)	1.70	---
386	2c Car. cl. (Guide ln. pr. 5.90)	---	---
387	1c Green, coil (Pair 5.90)	2.95	---
387	1c Green, coil (Guide line pr. 7.25)	---	---
392	1c Green, coil (Pair 2.80)	1.40	---
407	7c Black	6.00	---
412	1c Green, coil (Pair 1.40)	.70	---
413	2c Carmine, coil (Pair 4.80)	2.40	---
414	8c Olive Green	2.20	---
415	9c Salmon Red	2.85	---
417	12c Claret Brown	1.50	---
420	30c Orange Red	6.90	---
428	5c Blue	1.30	---
431	8c Olive Green	2.60	---
432	9c Salmon Red	2.90	---
433	10c Orange Yellow	1.90	---
434	11c Green	1.20	---
442	2c Carmine, coil (Pair 2.20)	1.10	---
443	1c Green, coil (Pair 1.80)	.90	---
444	2c Carmine, coil (Pair 6.00)	3.00	---
450	2c Carmine Coil (Pair 1.30)	.65	---
458	5c Blue coil (Pair 2.60)	1.30	---
461	2c Carmine S.L. wmk	29.75	7.45
464	3c Violet	---	5.75
466	5c Blue	---	4.10
470	8c Olive Green	---	3.75
501 or 502	3c Violet	2.15	.53
503	4c Brown	---	.72
507	7c Black	---	1.55
508	8c Olive Bistre	3.10	.78
509	9c Salmon Red	3.30	.83
511	11c Green	3.30	.83
513	13c Yellow Green	3.80	.95
514	15c Gray	---	3.15
515	20c Ultramarine	---	1.95
516	30c Orange Red	---	2.00
519	2c Carmine, D.L. wmk	---	18.00
536	1c Green, perf. 12½	---	1.80
538	1c Green, perf. 11x10	3.80	.95
538A	1c Green, imperf. bet. (pr. 5.30)	---	---
541	3c Violet, perf. 11x10	21.00	5.25
546	2c Carmine Rose	---	6.00
548-550	1c-5c Pilgrim set	31.50	7.70
555	3c Violet	7.40	1.85
557	5c Blue	---	.95
558	6c Red Orange	12.20	3.05
559	7c Black	1.40	.35
560	8c Olive Green	14.60	3.65
561	9c Rose	3.10	.78
564	12c Brown Violet	2.10	.53
565	14c Blue	1.80	.45
566	15c Gray	4.60	1.15
567	20c Carmine Rose	---	1.30
568	25c Green	5.00	1.25
569	30c Olive Brown	6.40	1.60
570	50c Lilac	---	2.45
571	\$1 Violet Black	10.20	2.55
572	\$2 Deep Blue	30.00	7.50
573	\$5 Carmine and Blue	52.00	13.00
578	1c Green, perf. 11x10	---	7.75
584	3c Violet, perf. 10	11.60	2.90
585	4c Brown, perf. 10	3.50	.88
588	7c Black, perf. 10	2.80	.70
590	9c Deep Rose, perf. 10	1.80	.45
614	1c Huguenot-Walloon	1.85	.43
616	5c Huguenot-Walloon	18.50	4.60
617	1c Lexington-Concord	1.65	.40
618	2c Lexington-Concord	4.10	1.00
619	5c Lexington-Concord	9.10	2.25
620	2c Norse American	3.40	.85
621	5c Norse American	16.60	4.15
622	13c Green	2.90	.72
623	17c Black	2.80	.70
627	2c Sesquicentennial	1.50	.35
628	5c Ericsson	5.45	1.35
629	2c White Plains	1.60	.40
643	2c Vermont	1.00	.25
644	2c Burgoyne	2.40	.57
646	2c Molly Pitcher	1.05	.26
647	2c Hawaii	3.00	.75
648	5c Hawaii	9.00	2.25
650	5c Aeronautics	2.90	.73
656	2c Edison coil (Pair 2.90)	1.45	---
658-668	1c-10c KANSAS	---	23.50
704-715	½c-10c Wash Bicent. set	16.60	4.15
723	6c Garfield coil (Pair 8.80)	---	.40
834	\$5 Presidential	26.00	6.50
859-893	1c-10c Fam. Amer. cpl.	27.50	6.85
C1	6c Orange, Airmail	---	4.40
C2	16c Green	---	9.25
C3	24c Carmine and Blue	---	7.25
C4	8c Green	---	1.85
C5	16c Blue	---	7.50
C6	24c Carmine	37.00	9.25
C10	10c Lindbergh	2.80	.65
C12	5c Winged Globe	---	.90
C18	50c Zeppelin	34.00	8.50
C24	30c Trans-Atlantic	5.80	1.45
Q6	10c Parcel Post	9.50	2.25

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Philatelic Notes

By George van den Berg

WE have run across many stamp collecting Americans at club meetings and wholesale and retail auctions during our long stay in Japan, but have particularly enjoyed the Ray Millings, whom we have gotten to know well, and with whom we have visited back and forth (had Thanksgiving dinner at their place, for example).

Ray was in the occupation forces and stayed on in a civilian capacity after his discharge and so had five years in Japan some time back. He married an exquisitely beautiful Japanese girl, *Junko* (her many American friends call her "June") *Nahara*, daughter of a teacher and a famed calligrapher who, in 1954, won the All-Japan calligraphy contest and was awarded the Grand Prize—a long, all-expense trip to America. The Millings have two charming children, *Debbie* and *Michael*, and for some years lived in Chicago where Ray was business manager for a hospital—you may have read about them in James Michener's article on Japanese wives in America in *Life* in the mid-fifties. They returned to Japan for a protracted stay three years back when Ray became Comptroller for the *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, and they have a lovely semi-western home, five stops on the Odakyu interurban line from Shinjuku Station not so far from us.

Ray is an avid philatelist and has a virtually complete collection of superb used Japanese stamps (the tough commem sheets were, in many cases, used as postage on letters back home when current) which is really something, and is building up fine collections of Japanese "Specimen" stamps, postal stationery, commemorative stamps and forgeries as well. But he has other hobbies too, such as collecting colored view cards and Buddha statues of which he has a host.

Mrs. Millings' great hobby is Japanese music and she plays the *Kato* (harp) beautifully—in fact, gave a public recital recently. She herself collects scrolls and screens and their home is a veritable art museum.

The Millings are going back to the States shortly with innumerable crates of furniture and collector materials, and will be much missed by their host of American and Japanese philatelist and non-philatelist friends. We will certainly want to see them again back there some fair day.

JUST about everybody interested in stamps, coming to Yokohama or Tokyo, sooner or later runs across *Brother Germain Vonderscher* of 85 Bluff, Yamate-cho, Yokohama. Belgian by birth, *Brother Germain* is a member of the Marinist Order, a Roman Catholic organization specializing in education (the famed University of Dayton is operated by this order.) He has been in Japan for some thirty years as a teacher, now being

at St. Joseph's School in the teeming port city.

Brother Germain, who is a wonderful person, has been a lifelong collector and knows just about everything there is to know about stamps. He is a foremost authority on Japanese classics, and since 1930 has handled many of them. Personally under the vow of poverty, his very extensive stamp dealings are carried on in the interests of the St. Joseph's Community in Yokohama, with current earnings going to the Building Fund.

Brother Germain has, for years, been attending the first-and-third-Wednesdays-of-the-Month meetings of the Tokyo Stamp Club (Tokyo Kite Kai), held at the renowned St. Mary's International School, located at 48-1 Isarago, Shiba, Minato-ku (between Keio University and Shinagawa Station). He has served it in every capacity as officer and commonly has the best lot of material for sale.

"Let's go early to see *Brother Germain's* material" is heard over and over. He is, however, just as eager to buy as to sell, since he serves as supplier to a leading U.S.A. dealer he met during the latter's service in Japan, and acquires a lot of good stuff at these Saint Mary's meetings. He is also a regular attendant at the Josui-kai (wholesale auctions), 2,600 of which have been held over the past 20 years and are currently being operated by Mr. Okawa in the Chikuryu Kaikan (public assembly hall) at Okochimachi.

I came with a letter of introduction to him from Colonel John F. Phelan, now in charge of the Engineer Supply Depot in Marion, Ohio, who had become well acquainted with him as a neighbor in Yokohama and a fellow-philatelist during two tours of duty in Japan.

Brother Germain, who had been told of my pending arrival, welcomed me most heartily, introduced me to everyone (including another churchman, *Brother Michael* of St. Mary's in Tokyo), who also handles stamps commercially on that institution's account, and made me feel immediately at home. Many of my closest Japanese stamp associations have arisen through his introductions.

As somebody put it one evening, "Brother Germain knows everybody in stamps in the Tokyo-Yokohama area, and he's got cancellations, gum and perfs in his veins." I've met few people with a knowledge of the stamp market to equal his.

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Box 30, Arakawa, Tokyo, which is managed by *Hideo Sakamaki*, operates a substantial mail order business in Japanese stamps, with many clients in England and the British Commonwealth-Empire. My relations with this firm have been very pleasant.

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after the war was unquestionably *Takashi Yonehara*, a keen young entrepreneur who had a good knowledge of American business methods and excellent command of English. The Yonehara family originated in Nagoya but he set up in business in Tokyo and was a very active

member of the dealer fraternity for quite some time.

Unhappily enough, he was killed in a plane accident a couple of years ago while flying back to the old home town, and it fell upon his brother, Tetsuo Yonehara, a 1945 graduate of Nagoya Technical College and, by profession, an industrial engineer, to liquidate the business. This brother who knew nothing of stamps and had forgotten most of his English, was happily offered assistance by the much-loved and universally respected Y. Kumazawa, himself a retail dealer and vice-president of the Tokyo Dealers' Association, out of the kindness of his heart—Mr. Kumazawa is like that and that's why he's so much liked by dealers and collectors alike.

Mr. Kumazawa not only helped brother Tetsuo Yonehara wind up affairs—he taught him stamps, wholesale techniques and retaught him English. The result was that the latter became a dealer on his own and has built up a flourishing business in mint new issues. He serves as buying agent for dealers in several countries, packets, pictorial and commem mixtures and poundage goods. Those of you in the trade have doubtless seen his singularly attractive wholesale list and many of you collectors have been answering his STAMPS small ads offers of kilos (he sold some 300 in 1959). Today, at 35, happily married to a pretty girl and father of a first son, born early this year, he conducts his business from 248 Eifuku, Suginami, Tokyo, entirely apart from his industrial designing office in Suginamiku.

You dealers who haven't gotten onto his list might well care to do so and many of you collectors would be interested in his offers in our back pages.

In his regular profession, Mr. T. Yonehara is a topnotcher, working in the Radio, TV, Hi-Fi Component, Transistor, Camera and Business Machines fields. He has received several flattering offers from American firms and may well, in time, come to the U.S.A. But, for the time, as a family man, he prefers to remain in Japan which is a land of boundless economic opportunity. Being of the energetic type, he has found stamps an excellent outlet for his boundless enthusiasms and, rather to his own amazement, has worked his way well to the fore among exporters. He particularly enjoys the human relationships developing therefrom and has built up a wide circle of friends among dealers and collectors in

America, Canada and Europe. An "arty" type, he's keenly interested in innumerable things and talks exceedingly well about them. His gratitude to Mr. Kamuzawa is profound and they are the closest of friends. Mr. Yonehara is, of course, very active on first days of issue, being in line before opening time and dispatching big parcels of mints to dealers hither and yon by air within an hour or two of having gone on sale. He's definitely one of the comers in Japanese commercial philately. Incidentally, he has become personally interested in Japanese classics and, in characteristic fashion, is forming a fine collection of them. Whatever he does must be done superlatively! So I have come to know him both as dealer and as collector and hold him in high regard.

CHESAPEX '60

THE Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area will sponsor CHESAPEX '60 at the Southern Hotel, Light and Redwood Sts., Baltimore, Md., September 14 to 18, 1960. Among the participating societies are the American First Day Cover Society, which will hold its fifth annual convention and exhibition, the Confederate Stamp Alliance and the United Postal Stationery Society.

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THE American First Day Cover Society has announced appointment of a new staff for its official publication, *First Days*. The new editor is Sol Koved.

Other staff appointments are: Frank J. Aufrecht, Advertising Manager; James E. Brucki, Financial Manager; and Donald Heuring, Business Manager. The Editorial Board consists of: Norman H. Lee, Earl Planty, Alan Warren and William Duffy.

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TIPOFF

COLOMBIA—Scott's Nos. 421-436, commemorating the Third National Olympic Games, is one of the few Olympic issues which is missing in many collections. The current selling price seems to be prohibitive to most, and dealers seldom have it in stock. It is offered sporadically in auctions, and despite the fact that small faults are mentioned in the auction catalog descriptions sometimes, it seldom is bought for less than \$100.00. In case you feel rich enough to afford it, buy it only complete, and if you get it below the auction price I mentioned, then you can count it a bargain.

Another set which is just as elusive is Nos. 445-447, the 1937 National Olympics Games commemorative. I mentioned this one more than a year ago, and at present it catalogs at \$4.00. You can expect to pay full catalog for this one, and that is not too much. Whether you wish to get both of these sport issues mint or used, do it now. By next fall, when the new catalog comes out, you will probably see a higher figure for the valuation.

SAAR—Scott's #226 plus #C12, the 1950 "Europarat" commemorative, has been tipped many times before. Even so, one can now and then see comparatively low offers, and with the dull summer months ahead of us, a set or two might be obtained at a more favorable rate than when business is brisk during the busy season. Dealers are asking between \$12.50 to \$15.00, which, in my opinion, is a very low price compared with "offers-to-buy" from abroad. This forerunner of the very popular Europa issues should be obtained now. With many dealers having left the States for the London exhibition, many of these types of sets have been taken abroad to be sold back to Germany where the market is ready to absorb a few hundred sets of this popular issue. While we are on the subject of travel, I myself am now in Europe and intend to be back by August 3, 1960. In the meantime, you will receive my reports from abroad through

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STAMPS on the market movements in London, Paris, Prague, Vienna, Milan and Zurich. I am sure that you will want to know what angling for stamps is like in Europe and I hope that it will provide good reading for you.

RUSSIA—Apart from the 1935 Sport issue, Scott's #559-568, which is "way up," I repeat another tip of not so long ago. This is Scott's #698-705, the 1938 Sport set in mint condition. Only by trying to find it will you realize the difficulty in obtaining it.

BRAZIL—There are two stamps which have been in demand the past few months, Scott's Nos. 728 and C88. While there are enough of C88 around, No. 728 (issued to publicize U.N. Day) is hard to find; stocks seem to be depleted. Both of these stamps will move up in the catalog, and it is safely suggested that you get them at the present full catalog valuation, which is 55c for No. 728 and 18c for C88.

MONACO—With the French currency change of January 1960, little by little, all of the still current stamps will be replaced with the new hard franc denominations. Scott Nos. C41-44 (sea swallows) has already been replaced with a new airmail set, and C41-44 is probably obsolete. It is still to be found here in the U.S.A. for around \$6.50 to \$7.00, but no large quantities have been put away of a high face-value set like this.

Another set which I recommended a long time ago is Scott Nos. 262-273, the Holy Year issue of 1951. The airmail values are becoming scarce already. This set is going up and up, and the price is full Scott or over. There is no doubt that it will go still higher, and should you be in the market for this one, better take care of it now; it will cost you more later.

Sport and Olympic Games issues are steadily rising in demand, and Scott Nos. 295-300, plus C36-9 should be included in your collection as soon as possible. There are definitely no stocks anywhere and only if you browse through some dealers' stocks and discover a stray set will you probably have a chance to get these stamps.

International Aerophilatelic Organization FISA Plans 1961 Exhibitions

EFFORTS to found the FISA (International Federation of Aero-Philatelic Societies) which have been in progress since 1951 came to realization on April 23, 1960. In the presence of delegates from Argentina, Belgium, West Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Switzerland, Hungary, and the U.S.A. members of the Executive Office of the General Committee were elected. Officers are Dr. Jan Boesman (Netherlands), president; Rag. Mario Onofri (Italy), vice-pres.; and Ries Kaptein (Belgium), secretary-general.

Some of the principal purposes of the new federation are to contribute to the development and propagation of aerophilately, the collecting of postal air documents, support to exhibitions, compose lists of FISA experts and judges, to cooperate with other philatelic organizations, to issue its own bulletins and contribute to aerophilatelic literature, and to contribute to national and international exhibitions where FISA judges will be on the Jury.

International exhibitions of aerophilately will take place in Vienna in May 1961 and The Hague in August 1961, as the first under FISA patronage. The FISA 1961 congress will also be held at The Hague in August.

On the occasion of the FISA constituent meeting in Strasbourg, the French post office applied a special postmark.

Information on the organization may be obtained from Kurt Dahmann, Konstanzerstr. 9, Berlin-Wilmersdorf, West Berlin, Germany.

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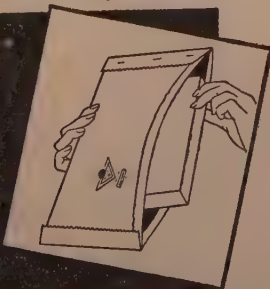
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U. S. PLATE BLOCK News

By **Edward A. Livingstone**

690 River Road, Beaver, Penn.

Q.—I have been purchasing through the years, plate blocks and sheets of U. S. commemoratives and I would like to sell them. Where can I find out information about prices offered for such material?

A.—The various stamp magazines, including this good magazine **STAMPS**, carry "ads" of different dealers who will purchase wholesale or retail quantities of mint stamps, however, there are special dealers who handle sheets only and a couple of these are the *Mint Sheet Brokerage Company*, 8470 Blue Ash Road, Rossmyrne, Ohio. Also, the *Stamp-Ade Company*, 1220 Huron Road, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

It is almost impossible to obtain any premium over face value for sheets issued from 1945 onward, i.e., starting with about Catalog No. 927, unless, of course, you have some of the more scarce plate numbers or some of the commemorative stamps with the lesser volume of printings. This is true with respect to plate blocks. Many of these are drugs on the market and in many cases both the mint sheets and the mint plate blocks must be sold at a discount from face to dealers; otherwise they will not be interested in buying. Investments in full sheets and plate numbers in the commemorative series in the last fifteen years have not been too successful as a financial venture, and one is most fortunate if he is able to get out of it their original costs. On these types of investments, however, if you are a philatelist, and are interested in the hobby of collecting them, your payment will be the profit representing your enjoyment of the hobby.

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Q.—I am interested in obtaining a list of plate numbers used and quantities printed for all U. S. Air Mail stamps. If such a list is obtainable, would you please let me know?

A.—Scott's Specialized U. S. Catalog for 1960 (Page 230), gives under Air Mail stamps the quantity issued for each different denomination from C-1 to C-56 inclusive.

However, for data on the number of impressions printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of each plate number of each airmail stamp, the best information can be obtained by joining *The Bureau Issues Association, Inc.*, 38 Gray St., Arlington 74, Massachusetts, or by keeping your own records from the data which appears from time to time in **STAMPS**, on the plate numbers and quantities printed, based on monthly reports from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. However, any old data with respect to the number of impressions of each plate number would only be available from

some specialized collector or a plate number organization such as the Bureau Issues Association where such progressive records are kept up to date.

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Q.—I have your listing of Presidential Series plate numbers still uncanceled by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. You have indicated that these plates had not been sent to press, however, in checking, I find that I have certain of these plate numbers in my collection and stock.

A.—In my article which appeared in the Feb. 27th issue of magazine **STAMPS**, I referred to 32 Presidential Series plates which were still not cancelled by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and I stated, based on the information I had, it did not appear that any of these plates had gone to press. However, on checking further into this, I find the plates Nos. 23847 and 8 of the 3c Presidential booklet pane series went to press on Feb. 21, 1951. The 3c coil Plates Nos. 24279 and 80 went to press April 11, 1951. This, therefore, can account for your possession of some of these plate numbers.

TOPEX '60 Winners

THE following were the top award winners at TOPEX '60, the ninth annual convention and topical stamp exhibition of the American Topical Association, held June 17-19, 1960, at Minneapolis, Minn.:

Grand Award—*Virginia R. Gubler*, Red Cross; **First Awards**—*Dr. S. V. Soanes*, Olympics; *Dr. Joseph H. Kler*, Medical; *Robert S. Oesch*, Antarctic; *Rev. Angelus LaFleur*, Franciscans; *Curtis Miller*, Americana; *Mrs. Richard F. Carroll*, Helicopters; *John Kovatch*, Chess; *Mrs. Dorothy Fordham*, Religion; *J. M. Prendergast, Jr.*, Whooping Crane; and *Dorothy Perrin*, Insects.

Special award winners were *Ennis C. Cleveland*, *Harvey E. Johnson*, *John Kovatch*, *Mrs. Dorothy Fordham*, *Helen S. Hyers*, *J. H. Porath*, *Werner J. Baum*, *Evelyn T. Nelson*, *Dr. Joseph H. Kler*, and *Rev. Angelus LaFleur*.

The exhibition was the site of the first day sale of the new 5c revised air mail postal card. Special Post Office Department officials attended the ceremonies which took place on June 18, 1960.

TOPEX '61 will be held June 16-18, 1961, in Johnstown, Pa. Details are available from *Homer L. Jones*, R. 252 Derby St., Johnstown, Pa.

Miscellaneous Notes

Emanuel M. Reggel, president, and *Fred J. Gomme*, secretary, are among the new officers elected for the year 1960-61, at the annual meeting of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York. The club has adjourned for the summer season and will start another philatelic year with its first meeting on September 9, 1960.

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The second edition of their 1960 U. S. price list, which also includes U.N., Canada, is now available for 10c from *Rumark Company*, 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y.

U. S. Precancels

By **Adolf Gunesch**

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NORTH CAROLINA

THE Tarheel State did not use any large Old Style Bureaus, and even of the small Old Styles only four items were issued. The best of them is the Durham 1c, the 1c wide Presidential from this Post Office is even better. The 1½c narrow Presidential also is a good one.

While twelve post offices used Bureau Precancels, only eleven used the Presidential Bureaus from the Old North State, because Henderson used only the 1c coil in the small Old Style. You will find some mighty scarce Presidentials from the Turentine State, the third nickname used by North Carolina.



Small Old Style

The high value narrow spacings from Greensboro are practically unobtainable, especially the 11c and 12c in undated condition. Even in dated condition some of the Greensboros are had to get. Many of the Presidential Bureau Precancels have been replaced with the Liberty Series Bureaus, so there is little chance that the Presidential will become more common.

The 1c narrow spaced Presidential from Highpoint is a very controversial item. The Gunesch-Coda Standard Bureau Catalog prefers to price this item at a minimum figure until proof can be had that this stamp is really scarce. Right now we think that the 1½c from High Point is better than the 1c Bureau.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Flickertail State used Bureau Precancels from only four post offices. Strange as it may seem, Bismarck, the State Capital, used only one lone Presidential, which is common.

While Fargo used more Bureau Precancels, it used only low denominations,



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mostly coils. This post office has a "no period" error to its credit, which has never been corrected, because it still can be found on the current Liberty coils. This "no-period" error can be found on one stamp left to the gap, that is, on every sixth stamp, in two of each ten coils, of 500.

Belcourt used only ½c narrow Presidentials, which are very common. We understand that some Mission used these in a pair on some advertising.

Minot, 1-cent wide Presidential, one of the four Bureaus used from there, seems to be getting scarce.

Interesting Information on Palace of the Governors Stamp Design

FOR the benefit of other collectors who, like myself, must have wondered about the difference in design of the architecture of the "Palace of the Governors" at Santa Fe between the recently issued 1¼c stamp and the design shown on the Kearny commemorative issue of 1946, I quote the following from a recent letter from the Library Museum of New Mexico.

"The reproduction of the drawing from which the 1946 stamp was made is one drawn partly from memory and partly imaginative, and was done in 1909 by Dr. Kenneth Chapman. This picture was one of the illustrations for Ralph E. Twitchell's *History of the Military Occupation of the Territory of New Mexico from 1846 to 1851 by the Government of the United States*. Dr. Chapman was loath to do the illustrations for the book since, at that time, he had made no study of New Mexico architecture and was not then living in Santa Fe. However, Mr. Twitchell insisted that his publishers were demanding illustrations at once, so Dr. Chapman agreed to do them.

"Early in the 1900's restoration work was done on the 'Palace' and its portal was restored to the simplicity of the original Spanish portal. This was as it looked at the end of the Mexican Regime when General Kearny saw it and, with minor changes, as it looks today."

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ARGENTINA—On July 8, 1960, a m\$1.80 airmail stamp was issued to honor the new provinces of the former territories of Neuquen, Santa Cruz, Formosa, Chubut, and Rio Negro. The blue and red stamp, designed by Hector A. Viola, was lithographed by the State Mint, in sheets of 100, in an edition of two million. The design shows a stem with five leaves, symbolizing the new provinces.

On July 8, 1960, a m\$4.20 stamp was released to honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Luis Maria Drago. The sepia stamp, bearing a portrait of Dr. Drago, was photogravured by the State Mint, in sheets of 100, in an edition of five million.

—Ministry of Communications

AUSTRALIA—On August 18, 1960, a 5d., blue stamp will be issued to honor the Golden Jubilee of Guiding. The commemorative, which will be on sale for approximately one month, will depict a

typical girl guide and Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Scout and Guide Movements.

On June 22, 1960, 9" x 4" envelopes, embossed with 5d. stamps, were placed on sale at main post offices, at the price of 6d. per envelope.

—Australian News and Information
Bureau, New York

AUSTRIA—The 1.50S. stamp, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Gustav Mahler, reported in our July 9th issue, was released on July 4, 1960, and became valid for postage on July 7, 1960. The stamp depicts a profile of the composer and a laurel branch, and was printed in sheets of fifty, by the Austrian State Printing Works.

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BULGARIA—Our thanks to C. Pantofchieff, Sofia, for a first day cover of the two-value set issued on June 14, 1960, commemorating the 90th anniversary of the birth of Lenin. The values are 16 st. and 45 st.

CHINA (FORMOSA)—On June 30, 1960, a six-value definitive set, showing the Kinmen Chu Kwang Tower was released in the following values, colors and editions: NT\$0.03, orange, eight million; NT\$0.10, violet, thirteen million; NT\$0.20, ultramarine, twenty-five million; NT\$0.40, brown, twenty million; NT\$1.40, green, one million; NT\$2.00, olive green, three million. The stamps were printed by deep etch offset, in sheets of 100, on ungummed paper.

—Directorate General of Posts

CHINA (FORMOSA)—Our thanks to S. Y. Ma, Taipei, for a first day cover of the NT\$2.00 Phonopost stamp, issued June 27, 1960, as reported in our July 9th issue.

DENMARK—On August 20, 1960, a 60 ore, blue stamp will be issued to commemorate the 10th meeting of the regional committee for Europe of the World Health Organization, in Copenhagen, June 16-20, 1960. The stamp, designed by Henry Thelander and engraved by Birger Ekholm, depicts a mother with a sucking baby. The stamp will be printed in sheets of fifty.

—Postal Philatelic Agency

FINLAND—On September 3, 1960, a 30 Mk. stamp will be released in honor of the 60th birthday of President Urho Kekkonen. The stamp, designed by Olavi Vepsäläinen and engraved by R. Achren, will show the portrait of President Kekkonen.

—General Direction of Posts & Telegraphs

FRANCE—The 0.20 N.F. stamp, issued on June 18, 1960, as forecast in our June 4th issue, was designed by Claude Haley and engraved in taille-douce by Durrens. It was printed in sheets of fifty.

—Ministry of P.T.T.

GERMANY (WEST BERLIN)—Our thanks to Joachim Dill and Ernst Reitzig for first day covers of the 20pf. stamp issued June 30, 1960, as forecast in our June 25th issue, honoring Dr. Walther Schreiber, on the second anniversary of his death.

GERMANY (WEST)—On August 8, 1960, a set of four stamps will be issued to commemorate the 1960 Olympic Games, consisting of the following values, colors and designs: 7 pf., brown, wrestlers;

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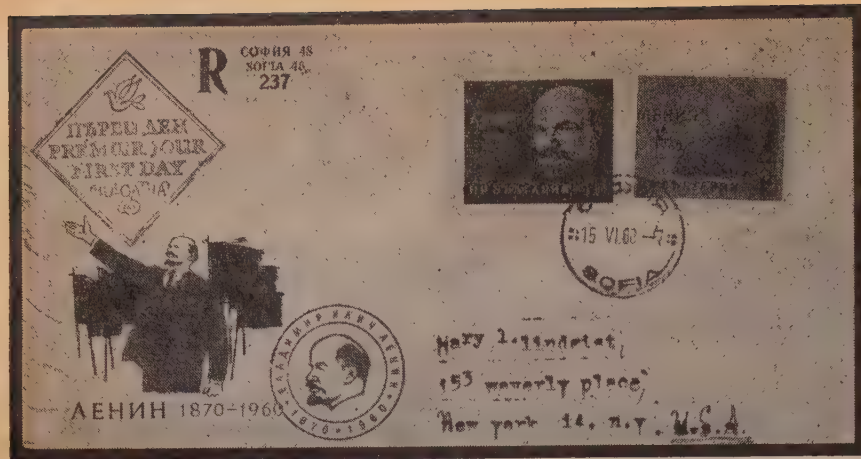
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—Joachim Dill

GHANA—Our thanks to the *Ghana Philatelic Agency*, New York, for copies of the four-value set issued July 1, 1960, to mark the Republic of Ghana, which was created by a new constitution. The values of the set, forecast in our June 25th issue, were: 3d., 1/3, 2/-, and 10/-.

HUNGARY—Our thanks to *Philatelia Hungarica, Budapest*, for a first day cover and copies of the three stamps issued on June 25, 1960, as part of the 1960 Portrait set. All three engraved stamps have a value of 60 f., and depict the following portraits: Otto Herman, scientist; Ludwig van Beethoven; and Ferenc Mora, novelist. There was an edition of 2,020,000 perforated copies of each stamp, and an edition of 15,000 imperforated copies of each.

ITALY—Our thanks to *Venetia F.D. Covers* for a first day cover of the three additional definitives of the "Siracusana" series, issued July 1, 1960. The values and colors are as follows: 30 L., sepia; 40 L., violet; 70 L., green.

LAOS—Our thanks to the *Vientiane Philatelic Co.*, Vientiane, for photographs of the four-value Tourist set issued July 1, 1960, as reported in our July 2nd issue. The bi-colored stamps were designed by Chammane Prisayane.

NEPAL—A 10 paisa stamp was issued on June 30, 1960, depicting Mt. Everest and a portrait of the King. The ultramarine and rose stamp was printed at the Security Press, Nasik, in an edition of 1,500,000.

NETHERLANDS—Our thanks to *F. B. Treiture and Joachim Dill* for further information on the Spiritual Health Year

stamps to be issued on July 18, 1960, reported in our July 9th issue. The 12c value will show a portrait of Jacobus van der Kolk, and the 30c value will depict a portrait of Johannes Wier. The stamps, designed by Hubert Levisne, were printed by Joh. Enschede & Sons, and will be on sale until August 13, 1960. They will be valid for postage until December 31, 1961.

NICARAGUA—On July 4, 1960, a three-value set of airmails was issued to honor the 10th anniversary of the San Jose, Costa Rica, Philatelic Society. The set consists of Scott's Nos. C318, C343, and C370, bearing a three-line overprint in black, reading "X Aniversario / Club Filatelico / S.J.-C.R." There was an edition of twenty thousand sets.

Twenty-five thousand complete sets of the Lincoln set, released on January 20, 1960, reported in our January 16th issue, will be released shortly with a surcharge for the benefit of the Red Cross. The proceeds will be used to aid the earthquake victims in Chile. No souvenir sheets will be issued.

—Nicaraguan Philatelic Agency, Inc.,
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PANAMA—Because of the difficulty caused by the CEPAL overprint on the 1 Balboa Economic Commission for Latin America issue, alleged by the Panama authorities to have been forged, as reported in our May 7th issue, and because of other unauthorized overprint items, the Panama Postal Department has adopted the policy of not issuing any more overprints of any kind. In addition, all future Panama Government decrees, authorizing new stamp issues, will carry the proviso that they must be made by an engraving process. Since neither of the two printing firms in Panama have such equipment, future stamps will be printed by firms outside of the country. To prevent hoarding, rationing and inflated prices of limited issues of souvenir sheets, a policy has been adopted to issue only an occasional edition of souvenir sheets and these in sufficient numbers to satisfy the average collector demand. Thus, the next edition of a souvenir sheet will consist of 40,000 copies instead of the previous normal edition of 20,000.

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In December 1960, an Olympic Game set will be issued in the following values and editions: regular postage—3c, one million; 5c, one million; airmails—5c, one million; 10c, one million; 25c, 500,000; 50c, 100,000. There will also be 40,000 souvenir sheets issued, containing the 25c and 50c airmails and selling for 80c.

—Robert A. Stevens, Balboa

PERU—Our thanks to L. P. Entwistle, Lima, for a copy of the second printing of the 10c postal tax stamp commemorating the VI Eucharistic Congress. The original printing was reported in our March 19th issue. The new printing, made by Empresa Grafica Sanmarti, S.A., omits the green and yellow color so that the stamp is now only red and blue.

PHILIPPINES—On July 4, 1960, the 18 centavos stamps of the Jaycees 5th World Congress set, the Centenary of the First Philippine Stamps set, and the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary International set, surcharged in the following values and editions, respectively, were released to commemorate the 14th anniversary of Philippine Independence: 1c, 1,600,000; 10c, 500,000; 5c, 400,000.

—Bureau of Posts

POLAND—The Grunwald Battle set, reported in our June 11th issue, was released on July 15, 1960. The values of the set, part of the Polish State Millennium celebration, are 60 gr., 90 gr., and 2.50 Zl.

—Poland Philatelic Agency, Great Neck N. Y.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES (MACAO)—Our thanks to Choi Hac Teng, for a first day cover of the 2 Pts. stamp, honoring the fifth centenary of the death of the Infante D. Henrique, issued June 25, 1960, as reported in our July 2nd issue.

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ROMANIA—Our thanks to Jack Rubin, New York, for a first day cover of the Olympic Game set issued June 5, 1960, as reported in our May 21st issue. The values are 40b., 55b., 1.20L., 1.60L., and 2.45L. The stamps are issued in block form, with two tabs, arranged so that the block shows the five Olympic rings complete and entwined.

RYUKYU ISLANDS—The Nago and Koza Post Offices have become Central Post Offices. Our thanks to Joseph V. Bush for a card with special cancellation used in all central post offices during the week of July 1, 1960, commemorating the independence of postal accountings.

Our thanks also to Joseph Bush for a first day cover, dated July 1, 1960, bearing the new revised copies of the 8c, 13c and 17c definitives.

SAN MARINO—Our thanks to the Government Philatelic Office for copies of the six-value Lions International set, issued July 1, 1960, as reported in our July 9th issue. The values are 30, 45, 60, 115, 150, and 200 Lire.

SAUDI ARABIA—On June 4, 1960, a three-value set was issued to commemorate the Inauguration of the First Universal Wireless Communication, forecast in our May 14th issue. The stamp depicts a map of the world and a wireless tower. The denominations and colors of the stamps, inscribed in both French and Arabic, are as follows: 2 P., red and black; 5P., brown and red; 10P., grey and blue. The stamps were printed by the Survey of Egypt, in sheets of fifty.

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SOMALIA—The four-value set of stamps, issued on July 1, 1960, as reported in our July 9th issue, to commemorate the new independent nation of Somalia, formerly British Somaliland and Italian Somaliland, was printed in Rome by photogravure, on watermarked paper. The values are 5c, 25c, 1.00 S., and 1.80 S.

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VIET NAM (NORTH)—The two-value set issued on April 5, 1960, honoring the Hung Vuong Temple, reported in our July 9th issue, was designed by Bui Trang Chuoc, and printed by offset by the State Printing Works, on ungummed paper, in sheets of 100. The editions are as follows: 12 xu, 1,500,000; 4d. 60,000.

The two-value Lenin set issued on April 22, 1960, reported in our July 9th issue, was designed by Nguyen The Vinh and printed by offset by the State Printing Works, in sheets of 100, on ungummed paper.

On May 3, 1960, a 12 xu. stamp, designed by Nguyen van Khanh, was released in honor of the Second Election of Deputies to the National Assembly. The red, brown, and orange stamp, depicting a hand placing a vote in a ballot box, was printed by offset by the State Printing Works, on ungummed paper, in sheets of 100, in an edition of 800,000 copies.

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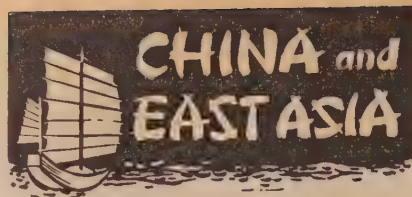
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July 19—Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago meeting at the Avalon Park Fieldhouse, 1215 E. 83rd St., Chicago, Ill. Vice-president Snider will speak on Germany.

July 20—The Eastern Suffolk Stamp Club will hold its 5th annual stamp exhibit and bourse at the Riverhead Methodist Church, 204 E. Main St., Riverhead, L. I., N. Y., from 4:00 to 10:00 P.M.

July 20—Philadelphia Area Chapter meeting of the American First Day Cover Society at the Liberty Federal Bldg., 202 North Broad St., Philadelphia, at 7:30 P.M. Exhibit of Ghana stamps. Further information about the society is available from Louis Meyer, P.O. Box 1071, Philadelphia 5, Pa.

July 20—Philatelic Society of Cincinnati meeting at 8:00 P.M. at the Hotel Sinton, Cincinnati, O.

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Miscellaneous Club Notes

Correspondence with the Elmhurst Philatelic Society will not be answered with the usual promptness owing to the officers being in Mexico on a trip in connection with the celebration of the 24th anniversary of the Society. The backlog of letters will be attended to on their return, and things should be back to normal by early August.

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The exhibition was opened by Dr. Kukiel, and displays ranged from the first issue of 1860 to those including the period of the Second World War. Of particular interest was the exhibit of W. Juren, who showed the first issue of 1860 and postmarks from the same period; another fascinating display was that of Mrs. Kay Horowicz, who had a wonderful collection of pre-philatelic letters with postmarks of Warsaw since the reign of King Stanislaus Poniatowski and up to 1870. Still another interesting showing by B. W. Trzeciecki and S. Januszewski contained stamps issued by the Municipal Committee of Warsaw.

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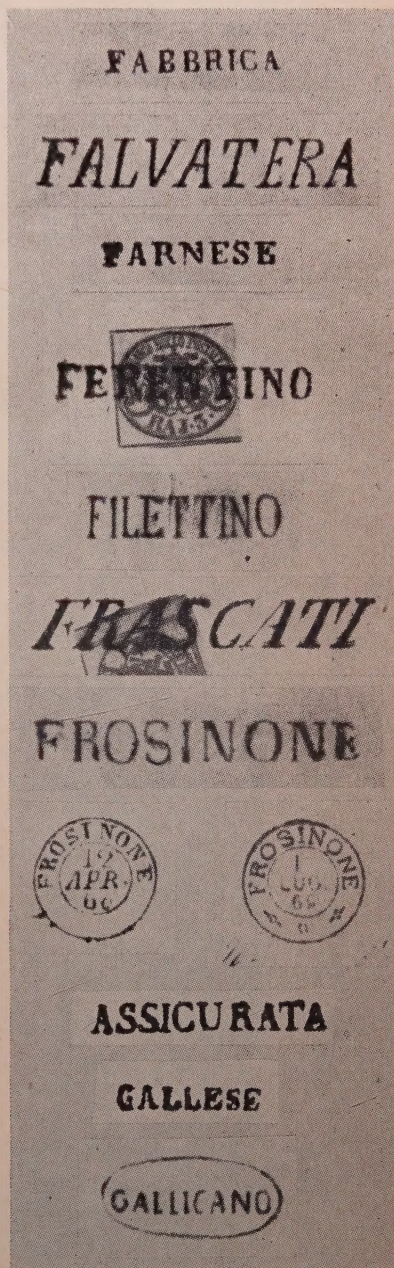
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